

CLAIMS

1. A method of changing the value of a parameter from a current value to a desired value comprising the steps of:-
- 5 inputting a first directional command to cause the parameter to vary at a first speed in a first direction; and
- inputting a second directional command to cause the parameter to vary at a different speed either in the first or in the opposite direction.
- 10 2. A method according to Claim 1, in which the second directional command is a repeat of the first directional command which causes the parameter to vary in the first direction at a speed higher than the first speed.
3. A method according to Claim 1, in which the second directional
- 15 command is different to the first directional command and causes the parameter to vary in the opposite direction at a lower speed than the first speed.
4. A method according to Claim 1, in which there are two possible directional commands corresponding to "Up" and "Down" whereby the
- 20 parameter is increased or decreased in value.
5. A method according to Claim 1, in which there is a third command corresponding to "Stop" which causes the parameter to retain its current value.
- 25 6. A method according to Claim 5, comprising the steps of inputting a first command; inputting a stop command; and inputting a second command whereby the parameter varies in the first direction at a slower speed than the first speed.
- 30 7. A method according to Claim 1, in which the commands are voice commands.

8. A method according to Claim 1, in which the commands are manually input commands.

9. Apparatus for changing the value of a parameter from a current
5 value to a desired value comprising control means to control the parameter; and
input means to which the control means is responsive; wherein the input means
is arranged to input directional commands whereby the control means varies the
parameter in response to a first directional command at a first speed in a first
direction and then in response to a second directional command varies the
10 parameter at a different speed in the first or in the opposite direction.

10. Apparatus according to Claim 9, in which the input means is a voice recognition device.